



Facts about Donation and Transplantation

- Nationwide, nearly 40,000 organ transplants were performed in 2020 using organs from both deceased and living donors. 2020 marks the eighth consecutive record-setting year for transplants in the United States.
- More than **106,000** people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. (up to the minute data is available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/data/>)
- In California, there are over 22,000 people currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.
- One organ donor can save the lives of up to **eight** people by donating their heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas and small intestines.
- On average, one tissue donor can enhance the lives of up to **75** people by donating their corneas, skin, bones, and heart valves, among others.
- Patients are matched with a donor depending on the severity of their illness, body size, tissue type, blood type and other important medical information.
- Over **40,000** patients have their sight restored every year through corneal transplants.
- More than **1.75 million lifesaving and healing tissue transplants** are performed each year in the United States, offering patients a new chance at healthy, productive and normal lives.
- A living donor can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine.
- An average of **22** patients die every day while waiting, simply because the organ they needed did not become available in time.
- You are never too old, or too sick to become an organ, eye and tissue donor. Don't rule yourself out!
- Every major religion in the United States supports organ, eye and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.
- To register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor visit www.donateline.net.